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IRREGULARITIES IN SELLING OF BOTTLED WATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any National Level Survey to check out the irregularities in the selling of 'bottled water' in the organized water market;

(b) if so, the details and the results thereof; and

(c) if not, the other steps taken to check such irregularities in this sector?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES(PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ)

(a) Bureau Indian Standard (BIS) has informed that no survey has been conducted.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As informed by BIS, necessary guidelines have been provided through Gazette Notification GSR 759(E) and GSR 760(E). The guidelines states that no person shall manufacture, sell or exhibit for sale bottled water except under the Bureau of Indian Standard Certification Marks. The BIS has also informed that the responsibility to enforce the above notification rests with Ministry of Health and its implementation in States by State implementing authority. However, responsibility with regard to certification of product for its quality rests with BIS. Further, in order to create awareness, BIS organizes workshops in association with State Governments and Industry Associations. Recently, a symposium was organized at Hyderabad by BIS alongwith Ministry of Consumer Affairs of Government of Andhra Pradesh to create the public awareness.